

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 579

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, December 11, 1997

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Irely, Burns and Ford. Also being present: Michelle Miller, Chief Clerk; Linda Hands, Secretary; Attorney Tom Vreeland, County Solicitor; Jill Devine, Assistant Solicitor; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Francis King, Treasurer; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Roger Metcalfe, Budget Director; Ken Barna, Chief Assessor; Marlene Luketich and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Rick Wynn, Director of Human Services; Mary Lyn Spilak, Director of Aging Services; Harry Sabatasse, John Logar, John Rotherham and Fred Fleet, interested citizens; Reverend Jim Linn and his son, First Christian Church, Charleroi; George Eckert, Forty and Eight; Andy Briggs, KDKA TV; Christina Arangio, WTAE TV; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Joe Smydo, Observer Reporter; Chris Haines, Herald-Standard; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; and various bidders.

Reverend Jim Linn of the First Christian Church led the meeting in prayer.

George Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The meeting recessed briefly for the purpose of taking photos.)

Chairman Irely called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. and entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 578 dated November 26, 1997.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 578 be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Ford read a Resolution adopting English as the official County language.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - No; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried.

(Kathy Thomas entered the meeting.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk made available to the media News Releases in connection with the following Redevelopment Contract award projects:

1. Fyda Freightliner, Pittsburgh - Donora Fire Equipment Project

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for Geri Chairs and Wheelchairs for the Washington County Health Center.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing the Chief Clerk to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes..

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance through National Casualty Insurance Company and Cincinnati Insurance Company for \$185,090.00. This would be effective January 1, 1998 to January 1, 1999 and include property, inland marine, police professional liability, boiler and machinery, crime, general liability, automobile liability and physical damage, commercial umbrella, and employee dishonesty insurance.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Renewal of the Health Center Insurance with Cincinnati Insurance Company for \$68,282.00, subject to any changes for the CAT fund surcharge as mandated by the State of Pennsylvania. The renewal period is from January 1, 1998 to January 1, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Renewal of Health Center Insurance as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Renewal of the Airport Insurance with Great American Insurance Company for \$4,300.00 for the period of January 1, 1998 through January 1, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the renewal of Airport Insurance with Great American as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of hardware for the system to replace the Cortflo System from the State contract at an approximate cost of \$265,000.00. This would include 60 P.C.'s, 23 printers, 2 servers, and auxiliary equipment.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of hardware for the County's system to replace the Cortflo System as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Temporary Easement Agreements required by PennDOT with adjacent property owners to the Wherry School Bridge project. The temporary easements are required for access to the site during the construction phase of the project. The funding ratio is 80% State, 20% Liquid Fuels funding. The Agreements are with the following West Bethlehem Township residents:

Clarence and Jane Crowe	\$100.00
Earl and Georgia Ross	\$115.00
Ten Mile Church of the Brethren	\$100.00

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the foregoing Temporary Easement Agreements with the individuals listed above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for the construction phase of the following bridge projects:

Hemmington Bridge #13, Mingo Creek Park, Nottingham Township, Bridge Replacement

Three Covered Bridges - joint construction bid - Bridge rehabilitation/restoration:

Lyle Covered Bridge #2, Raccoon Creek, Hanover Township
Letherman Covered Bridge #35, Pigeon Creek, North Bethlehem Township
Wright Covered Bridge #22, Pigeon Creek, Somerset Township

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing the Chief Clerk to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the extension of the existing PennDOT approved projects as viable projects and reserve any remaining encumbered project balances through 1998. Also, it is requested that approval of adjustments to existing balances reflect the current project status and revised cost.

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Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Liquid Fuels encumbrances with PennDOT.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for a County Water Supply Planning Grant. This DEP Grant is in the amount of \$100,000.00 with a required County match of 20% or \$25,000.00. The County share would be matched with in-kind services through the Planning Commission staff.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Comprehensive County Water Supply Plan as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a proposal from Mellon Bank for a \$2,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note at a total cost of \$84,498.00 with a 4.22% interest rate.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note with Mellon Bank as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following travel requests.

- (R) Reimbursable 1. Becky Sheraskey of CYS to attend a Treatment Strategies and Intervention Meeting in Meadowlands, Pa., on December 15-16, 1997.
- (R) 2. Brian Hammett and Mark Schmid of the Jail to attend a DSI User Group Meeting in Altoona, Pa., on December 17-19, 1997.
- (O) Reimbursable 3. Bob Tokach and Emil Sasselli of the Health Center to attend a Life Safety Workshop in Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 7, 1997.
- (O) 4. Janet Stys of Jail Administration to attend a Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructor Course at Washington Hospital on January 14, 1998.
- (O) Reimbursable 5. Ed Rutledge of the Business Office at the Health Center to attend a Medicare Payment Seminar in Monroeville, Pa., on December 18, 1997.
- (O) Reimbursable 6. Andy Baechle of Parks and Tom Zibrida of the Planning Commission to attend a Field View Bridge Sites with Stone Facing meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on November 15-16, 1997.

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(O) Reimbursable 7. Rick Wynn of Human Services to attend a Meeting on Managed Care in Harrisburg, Pa., on December 14-15, 1997.

- (B) Board
- (O) Optional
- (R) Required

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing travel requests and authorizing the payment of all necessary expenses related thereto.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Abstain; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval that the following travel requests be ratified.

(R) 1. Stan Rockovich of Adult Probation to attend a Chief Adult Probation Officers Association Meeting at State College, Pa., on November 19, 1997.

(O) 2. Stan Rockovich of Adult Probation to attend a Meeting/Workshop on PCCD Grant Award in Harrisburg, Pa., on December 1-2, 1997.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing ratified travel requests.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Abstain; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Support of the formation of a non-profit 501 C3 Food Bank. This formation would be a community partnership involving Community Action Southwest, Inc. and Feeding America's Children and would become effective January 1, 1998. Control of the Food Bank will be given to the Board upon incorporation of 501 C3 non-profit status.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the formation of Non-Profit 501 C3 Food Bank as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes..

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the payment of Human Services Authority invoices in the amount of \$2,110.00 from the general fund to pay for the following:

An invoice in the amount of \$110.00 for a February, 1997 fiscal consulting fee

An invoice in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the cost of an audit of municipal authority for fiscal activity of 1996-97

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the payment of the foregoing invoices of the Human Services Authority.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval that the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association be added to the approved list of County Associations.

Moved by Mrs. Irely.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Day Care Provider Agreement with the following agency for FY97/98:

Janet Shriver, Avella

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Day Care Provider Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval In-Home Service Agreements with the Try Again Homes - Independent Living Program in the amount of \$68,100.00 and with George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania - Preventative Aftercare, Inc. in the amount of \$160,217.00. The terms of these Agreements is October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the In-Home Service Agreements as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Organizational Chart that was recently presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Organizational Chart as presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Tax Levy and Appropriation Resolution fixing the tax rate for the year 1998 at 15.36 mills for general County purposes and 2.14 mills for debt purposes and appropriate specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of County government for the year 1998 in the amount of \$71,331,851.00.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, adopting the 1998 County Budget as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

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Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk announced that the Washington County Commissioners will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 1997 in Room 704, Courthouse Square, for the purpose of an Agenda Meeting. The Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 1997, in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington Pennsylvania. A Retirement Meeting will immediately follow the Commissioners' Meeting.

SOLICITOR

Attorney McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Lou Ann Petrucci, Esquire, for legal services in the Children and Youth Office at a sum not in excess of \$2,500.00 per month.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Agreement with Lou Ann Petrucci, Esquire as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a TEFRA Resolution for the following project:

Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority on behalf of Allegheny University Medical Center, Allegheny General Hospital and AUMC/Canonsburg for a project consisting of financing of all or a portion of the costs of: (A) constructing, renovating and equipping certain projects at certain health care facilities, (B) refunding certain prior indebtedness, (C) funding any necessary reserves, (D) funding interest on the funds during the construction period and for a reasonable period thereafter, and (E) paying part or all of the costs of issuing the Authority's bonds.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the TEFRA Resolution as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irely - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Contract with Meyer Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek and Eck to represent the County in the pending labor negotiations with W.C.A.P.E. (Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers). This Contract would be at the rate of \$165.00 per hour for Attorney Bruce Campbell and \$110.00 per hour for Attorney Michael Palombo.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract with Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek and Eck as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - No.

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

ROOF RENOVATION - CANONSBURG AREA SENIOR CENTER

1. Ramp Construction Company
 1300 Island Avenue
 McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Total amount of bid: \$15,600.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

2. L. W. Miller Roofing, Inc.
 100 Hamilton Street
 Washington, PA 15301

Total amount of bid: \$22,899.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

3. Ralph J. Meyer, Company
 3101 Smallman Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Total amount of bid: \$29,504.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

4. Mann Construction, Inc.
 404 Geisler Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Total amount of bid: \$37,000.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

5. G & W Roofing and Construction, Inc.
 636 Christy Road
 Eighty Four, PA 15330

Total amount of bid: \$48,000.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the foregoing bids for further review.

Roll call vote taken

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Irey declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 18, 1997

ATTEST: Michelle R Miller
 CHIEF CLERK